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### REMARKS

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/727,715, filed November 28, 2000. The application has been amended from the original submission to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825, and to include an amended priority statement under C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2). This application contains no new matter over the originally submitted application.

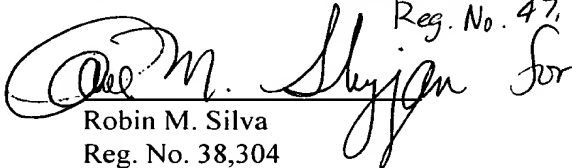
New claims 23-58 are pending. Claims 23-27 and 30-46 are identical to issued claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,153,380, (a parent of the present application), with the additional elements of "identifying said transdominant bioactive agent" and either "said biased randomized candidate nucleic acids are biased to minimize stop codons" (claim 23), or "said biased randomized candidate nucleic acids are biased to interact with a class of molecules" (claim 24). Support for the new elements is found throughout the specification and as further described. Support for "identifying said transdominant bioactive agent" in claims 23 and 24 is at p. 34, lines 13-25. Support for "said biased randomized candidate nucleic acids are biased to minimize stop codons" in claim 23 is found at p. 21, lines 4-7. Support for "said biased randomized candidate nucleic acids are biased to interact with a class of molecules" in claim 24 is found at p. 21, lines 20-21.

Support for claims 28-29 and 47-58 is found throughout the specification and as further described. Support for claim 28 is found at p. 21, lines 4-5. Support for claim 29 is found at p. 22, lines 9-12. Support for claims 47-58 is found at p. 3, line 28 to p. 4, line 2; p. 6, lines 5-6 and lines 12-19; p. 19, lines 30-31; p. 20, lines 25-28; and p. 23, lines 19-20.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notification of such is respectfully requested. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned attorney.

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